

The church newsletter of Rossville United Methodist Church - Rossville, IN



FROM THE PASTOR

I am most comfortable in life when there is an order and predictability to things. I pretty much follow the same pattern in life week after week, month after month, and year after year. There are minor tweaks here and there as life demands, and as situations arise. But in general I like order. I am at peace when there is order. Certainly I have managed to handle whatever comes along to disrupt this order over time. On those days when life is messy-I manage (by God's grace) to respond to and handle whatever is causing those messes. If I know in advance there are changes and higher expectations coming up, I try to plan and prepare for those. But, on other days and at other times maybe not so much.

You know. I think most of us might fall into similar categories in our lives. Yet, we are part of a church. And yes, we are part of a particular church which has a pretty normal flow. We do the same ministries at the same times of the year almost every year. We have pretty much the same style of worship most Sundays with maybe a slight variation here or there. There is an order and a predictability to life here at Rossville United Methodist Church. This fact might serve as part of our appeal in a world which is anything but predictable. On the other hand, it could cause us to become too comfortable-almost a little stagnant or boring if we are not careful.

The fact of the matter is, this is not how life was for the early church and this is not how life is for many churches which are evolving to become the church God wants them to be.

Our Sunday night Bible Study is studying a book which highlights some of the ways in which the Holy Spirit has grown the church. Later on in the materials, I found some examples of the effects of the work of the Holy Spirit in growing the church as is recorded in the book of Acts. A few examples are as follows:

- People were 'perplexed' and 'bewildered'. (2:6, 12)
- Some people mocked God and those who follow God. (2:13)
- The church was threatened and persecuted. (4:21,5:40, 9:1)
- Jealousy caused abusive words. (5:17, 13:45)
- The church was placed at odds with directives by those in authority over them. (5:29)
- God's activities caused great commotion (12:18) and was vigorously opposed in the community. (13:8)
- Even the most prayerful believers found some of what God was doing to be unbelievable. (12:15-16)

These are just a few examples of what the early church experienced as they went through a period of extraordinary growth. And while I think most of us yearn for a day when our church here at Rossville returns to the period of growth we were experiencing in the two or three years before COVID came along, I do not think any of us would necessarily desire any of the characteristics listed above.

Church growth doesn't necessarily mean we will experience all of these or any of them. However, we must be aware that sometimes when the Holy Spirit is at work, whether in the church, or in our individual daily lives, things can get kind of "messy". Our order and predictability might be shaken up.

As we move into this fall season here at Rossville, as we look forward to what God would have for us a church, let us consider that it might not always be as neat and tidy as we would like. But the results could really be "out of this world"

In Christ,

Pastor Bob Raschka



MISSION TRUCK COMING SEPT 19th - 21st -BRING DONATIONS IN STARTING SEPT 4th

The Methodist Mountain Mission Truck from Jackson, Kentucky is scheduled to be in our part of Indiana to pick up donations the early part of the

week of **September 19th**. They are still doing pick-ups especially in light of the flooding which deluged Eastern Kentucky in July. Items can be placed on or near a table which will be set up in the Esther Beard Room outside the offices. Large items such as furniture and appliances can be brought to the parsonage garage. We will be collecting items beginning **September 4th and running through September 18th**. The items we send in are distributed to 8 missions stores in eastern Kentucky. Thousands of people count on these stores each day to come in and purchase usable clothing, furniture, and other household items for their families at a price they can afford. Some items in urgent need right now would be furniture of all kinds, large appliances, pots and pans, dishes, linens, tools, or lawn mowers. Also, now is the time of the year to begin bringing in toys for Christmas.

This year especially, lets clean out our closets, garages, and dressers and bring gently used items to provide help for those in need living in Eastern Kentucky.

ROSSVILLE ROCK September 7th & 21st

The Rossville Rock Youth Ministry meets September 7th & 21st at the Rock Building on Ramey St. All middle and high school students are encouraged to attend as a way to fellowship with others your age and grow in your relationship with Christ. Doors open at 6:30pm with a program scheduled from 7-8 pm.



BLESSED BITES
@Rossville UMC
FORMALLY Comfort Kitchen

Blessed Bites Café

Join us the 2nd Thursday each month for food, fellowship and the Cutler Band.

Next Café is September 8, 5:30-7pm. Main dish for Sept. is Ham & Cheese Sliders.

This is a free event offered every month (closed Jan & Feb) and open to the public.



Thank you to everyone who helped and donated to the Chicken Noodle Dinner. This wouldn't be possible without each and everyone of you. Funds raised at this event will be used by the Links of Love group here at RUMC to bless families right here in our community. This is the only fundraiser of Links of Love for the year and is vital for helping many families. In the past they have paid off past due lunch accounts at Rossville School, paid for Community Members Utilities, bought gas cards, paid medical bills, and so much more. Thanks again for all your hard work.

LADIES DAY OUT September 9th

Friday, September 9th meet in church parking lot to leave promptly at 11am.
They will be carpooling to Cheddars in Lafayette.

All Ladies are invited!

For Questions Contact Jane Emens (765-376-3176) or Connie Hinesley (765-379-2234).



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Sunday, September 18th 3:00 pm

Join us at Rossville United Methodist Church

For Song Fest followed by an Ice Cream Social

Song Fest will be a combination of Hymns, Contemporary Music & Solos.

Solos by Fountain of Life Church & Rossville UMC

PACK A PEW/FILL A ROW SUNDAY September 25th

Bring a friend. Bring a neighbor. Join us the last Sunday of September for worship at 10:30am. This is an excellent opportunity to bring a friend or family member with you to church. This year the worship team has dedicated this event in memory of Jacque Cooper. As many of you know Jacque was excited about this event and the idea of bringing others to church in hopes that they would meet Jesus. This year we have chosen one of Jacques favorite scriptures as our vision for the service. "Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interest of others". Philippians 2:3-4 So in looking out for others what could be better than helping them get back in church or maybe starting a new life in Christ? In the weeks after we will have a small thank you gift for new attendees. This will be hand delivered as a follow-up by the Welcome Committee (Kris Need, Connie Hinesley, Diane Miller) to let our new friends know how much they are loved. If would like to donate fresh flowers, potted plants, fresh baked goods, or a monetary donation for a welcome basket please see Brandy Marlow.



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Tuesdays, 6-7:30pm

September 13, 20, 27, & October 4 & 11

Join us in September as the Adventure Club team takes you through the Adventures in Acts. Each Tuesday there will be a Bible story, music, crafts and food. Adventure Club is free and open to any child

Pre-K (potty trained) through 5th grade.

Check in for the Club will open at 5:45 each Tuesday.

Bible Lesson



Music

Crafts

Food



WeCare

RECOVERY HOME OF CLINTON COUNTY

presents

AN EVENING OF PRAISE & WORSHIP

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 30, 2022
6:00PM – 11:00PM**

Prairie Creek Park

FEATURING MUSIC BY

Formerly Jacob

on The Farmers Bank Performance Center Stage

With Special Guest Scott Wood

**FREE
ADMISSION**



- ★ **FACE PAINTING!**
- ★ **FOOD TRUCKS!**
- ★ **GREAT MUSIC!**

All proceeds benefit WeCare Recovery Home of Clinton County. For more information about WeCare or this event, please call or visit our website.

765.605.1667

www.wecarerecoveryhome.org



Buzz Disinger. 1st (80th)
 Corey Disinger 1st
 Phil Burkle 9th
 Mary Beth Seest 10th
 Joe Bowyer 17th
 Joann Rothenberger 20th
 Sydney Marlow 26th



Corey & Mandee Nicolas Sept 5th
 Mark & Gail Seest Sept. 9th
 Rob & Tammy Cooper Sept. 24th

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September Worship Schedule

September 4 th	“Healed and Whole”	James 5:11-16
September 11 th	“ Leaving the Ninety-Nine”	Luke 15:1-10
September 18 th	“ are not Saved?”	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1
September 25 th	PACK A PEW-FILL A ROW SUNDAY “ The Others”	Philippians 2:3-4



Stewardship Update

<u>Date</u>	<u>Regular Offering</u>	<u>Missions Offering</u>
July 31	\$755.10	\$29
August 7 th	\$1723.00	\$38
August 14 th	\$1834.00	\$44
August 21 st	\$1258.40	\$35









Total offering July 31-Aug. 21:\$5,570.50
 Missions offering July 31- August 21: \$146

Average offering July 31- Aug 21: \$1392.63
 Average offering 2022 year to date: \$2178.97

Total missions offering 2022 year to date: \$2,024.35



September 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
					Religious Education 1-3pm	
<p>4 Communion Sunday 9am Donuts & Coffee Sunday School 9 am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am Bible Study 3:45pm </p> <p>MMM Donations Prayer Group 5pm</p>	5	<p>6</p>  <p>Adventure Club Meeting 6pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p>ROCK Youth 6:30-8pm @ Rock building</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	8	<p>9</p>  <p>Ladies Day Out Meet at church parking lot 11am</p> <p>Religious Education 1-3pm</p>	10
<p>11 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Bible Study 3:45pm </p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	12	<p>13</p>  <p>Adventure club 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>14</p> <p>ROCK Youth 6:30-8pm @ Rock building</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	15	16	17
				Pastor Retreat		
					Religious Education 1-3pm	
<p>18 Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Song Fest 3pm</p> <p>Last Day for MMM Donations</p> <p>Prayer Group 5pm</p>	19	<p>20</p>  <p>Adventure club 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Staff Parish Relations committee 6pm</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	22	23	24
					Religious Education 1-3pm	
<p>25 Pack -A-Pew Sunday School 9am Worship and Jr. Church 10:30 am</p> <p>Bible Study 3:45pm </p>	26	<p>27</p>  <p>Adventure club 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Jesus Night 7pm @ LSC</p>	29	30	
					Religious Education 1-3pm	
					We Care benefit Praise & Worship night @ Prairie Creek Park Frankfort 6-11pm	